Administration to assert its authority and curb the activities of the secessionists. The Terrorists in both states have also been getting inspiration and guidance from across the border.

(c) According to information available the number of persons who have lost their lives during the relevant period is as follows:—

No. of persons killed in

	Dec. 1989	Jan. 1990	Feb. 1990
Punjab . ,	121	126	95
Jammu & Kashmir .	18	78	54

(d) The situation in the two states is constantly under review. The State Govts, concerned have taken adequate security and other measures to deal with the situation. Central assistance by way of deployment of paramilitary forces, etc. has also been extended as and when required.

(e) The problem in the two States has become complicated 'over the years. The Government are of the view that it requires a national and all Party approach for a solution. Discussions have been held with leaders of various Political Parties with this end in view.

Appeal made by Pakistani leaders on the Kashmir issue

*30. SHRl P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL, AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to recent statements made by several Pakistani leaders to the effect that Kashmir was a disputed territory and that bilateral negotiations should be held •with lndia on that issue; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) The statement of Pakistani leaders on the Kashmir issue have been varied and occasionally contradictory.

(b) As is well known, Kashmir is an integral part of Itadia and statements by some activists in Pakistan do not alter this reality.

Solution of Punjab problem

*31. SHRI JAGADISH JANI-SHRI P.N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the solution o: Funjab problem; and

(b) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AF FAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAI SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have taken major initiative to create a climat conducive to an amicable solution *t* the Punjab problem by prime Mini; ter's visit to Amritsar on 7-12-198! holding of All Party meeting at Dell on 17-12-1989 and All Party rally Ludhiana on 11-1-1990. At the sam time anti-terrorist operations hav continued.

Meeting of National Integration Council

*32. SHRl SHANTI TYAGI: wi the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS t pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that son important political parties and leader personalities have been repeatedly r questing the Prime Minister to call meeting of the National Integrate Council in order to discuss the ou standing issues facing the nation;

(b) if so, the reasons for which tl meeting is being delayed even after the reconstitution of the Nation I Integration Council; and